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1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA IN ADDRESSING A JOINT SESSION OF THE
LIBERIAN LEGISLATURE TODAY, 20 JAN. REAFFIRMED
HIS COMMITMENT TO THE LIBERATION
OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. KAUNDA STRESSED THAT IT IS NECESSARY
TO INSURE THAT POWER IS TRANSFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE MAJORITY
OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND HE CAUTIONED THAT AFRICAN
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LEADERS MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR CIVIL
WAR IN A POST-INDEPENDENCE ZIMBABWE. KAUNDA ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT THE FRONT LINE STATES HAD MADE THE DECISION TO RECOGNIZE
THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON THE PRINCIPLE OF STRENGTHENING
THE FORCES AGAINST THE ENEMY. HE TOLD THE ASSEMBLED
AUDIENCE (WHICH INCLUDED REVEREND SITHOLE) THAT THE SELEC-
TION OF THE FUTURE LEADERS OF THE NATION WAS THE PRERO-

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GATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND THAT RECOGNITION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS NOT MEANT TO PREJUDICE THE FINAL CHOICE BY THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.

2. ON NAMIBIA, KAUNDA STATED THAT POWER MUST BE TRANS-FERRED TO SWAPO WHICH HE SEES AS THE LEGITIMATE CUSTODIAN OF THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA.

3. KAUNDA RECOGNIZED THAT SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF WAS A COMPLEX SITUTATION BUT STRESSED THAT APARTHEID MUST BE ABOLISHED. HE ARGUED THAT THE "SMALL FIRES" OF SOWETO AND OTHER URBAN UPRISINGS WERE SERIOUS AND MUST BE CONSIDERED. ULTIMATELY, THE OPPRESSED MASSES WOULD TRIUMPH.

4. KAUNDA CONCLUDED BY STRESSING THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAD REACHED A CRITICAL STAGE AND THAT IT NEEDS CRITICAL DECISIONS. HE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH WHITE MINORITY REGIMES ASSISTED BY THEIR ALLIES STUBBORNLY CONTINUE TO HOLD POWER, AFRICA MUST CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ARMED STRUGGLE UNTIL THE GOALS OF LIBERATION ARE REALIZED. KAUNDA ALSO CALLED FOR AN EARLY RETURN TO GENEVA TO CONCLUDE THE RHODESIAN TALKS ON MAJORITY RULE.

5. IN OTHER PARTS OF HIS SPEECH KAUNDA EXPLAINED HIS DOCTRINE OF "HUMANISM" AND WARMLY PRAISED PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND THE TRUE WHIG PARTY.
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